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SMV Curtailment of Refining

1. Since the SMV is shipping most of its current crude oil output to the USSR, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other Satellite countries, the Voessendorf, Okeros-Stockerau, and Moosbierbaum refineries have virtually stopped operating and it now seems likely that these refineries may be released to the Austrian Government when an Austrian State Treaty is concluded.* SMV plans for the disposition of the Korneuburg refinery are not yet known.

SMV Pipe Lines

2. According to SMV oil field employees, both gas and oil are being pumped on a 24 hour basis through two pipe lines leading to Lundenburg, Czechoslovakia. At present, KASURA, Director of the SMV Purchasing Office, and MITELMAN, SMV purchasing official, are primarily concerned with construction work now under way on a pipe line to Breslau, where the SMV has allegedly established a branch office. SMV employees believe most of the pipe which the SMV is now collecting, as well as pipe which the SMV Purchasing Office is trying to procure, will be used for this pipe line.** It is also rumored that exploratory drilling projects are now being made in the vicinity of Breslau.

Exploratory Drillings

3. During the past few days the SMV has made three new exploratory drillings in the area surrounding Matzen and Prottes; but the results of these test drillings are not known.***

SMV Purchases

4. In recent months the SMV has purchased almost all of its barite from the Salbar Company, Lecco, Italy, at a cost of 300 schillings per 100 kilograms plus transportation costs, and some small quantities of barite from the Austrian firm, Montanwerke Brixlegg G.m.b.H., for 200 schillings per 100 kilograms.

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In order to reduce expenses as well as to be assured of regular deliveries of this commodity, the SMV has arranged with the Hungarian Government to import a major portion of its barite requirements from Hungary.

5. The SMV has also arranged through the Vienna firm, "Chemia" Chemikalien-Kaufhaus G.m.b.H., Vienna III, Am Heumarkt 10, to make most of its hydrochloric acid purchases from Hungaria Chemischewerke, Ferencvaros Illatosuti, Ispiroagany, Budapest.
6. A few days ago the Soviet Military Bank allocated sufficient funds to the SMV Purchasing Office to clear its outstanding debts on purchases made during October 1949, and to make cash payments for the following purchases:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Item Purchased</u>	<u>Payment in Schillings</u>
Schoeller-Bleckmann	Deep drilling pumps	67,350.00
Brixlegg Montanwerke G.m.b.H.	Barite	5,307.00
Fernsprechgebührenamt	Telephone bill	2,114.20
Forstverwaltung d. Oesterr. Staatsforste Klausen-Leopoldsdorf	Wood	2,010.75
Othmar Graf Aichelburg Vom Lederer & Nessenyi	Fire brick	2,347.82
Plansee Metallwerke	Mica steel	66,480.00
"Chemia" Chemikalien G.m.b.H.	Carbide	25,097.00
"Canal" Tiefbohrgeräte und Maschinenfabrik G.m.b.H.	Deep drilling equipment	7,176.00
Holzbauwerk Franz Navlicek	Wood	24,362.80
Kommerzielles Büro für Land- u. Forstwirtschaft, Wien 4, Hauptstrasse 57	Wood	2,750.00
Adi-Ladne Draht-u. Kabelwerke A.G.	Cable	17,803.87
Donau-Chemie, Liesing	Sulfur	1,539.90
Wiener Kabel- und Metallwerke, A.G.	Cable	11,597.93
Juschnyewstrans	Transport charges	62,188.70

Import Shipments

7. During the past week, the SMV received the following import shipments:

2 carloads containing 55,100 kilograms of iron pipes from Dnyistrovsk, USSR.

1 carload containing 370 sacks of barite weighing a total of 18,950 kilograms from the Salbar Company, Lecco, Italy.

2 trucks, estimated weight three and six tons respectively, equipped with electrical measuring devices and electric control panels, a French

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type of truck designed for use in exploratory drillings, from Czechoslovakia for the Schlumberger firm, Stadtlaeu, Vienna XXII.*****

Within the next few days, a shipment of 16 Tatra-Plan vehicles is scheduled for delivery to the SMV from the Skoda Works in Czechoslovakia.

Dismantling

6. Communist Party workers are still digging up a water pipe system in the Schwadorf area and to date, a total of 1,000 meters of pipe have been transferred to the SMV Lobau warehouse.*****

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Comment: [REDACTED] For a previous report on the SMV pipe line to Breslau, see [REDACTED]. In view of numerous reports regarding drillings in the CSR frontier area, it is possible that Breslau has been confused with Breclav, Czechoslovak name for Lundembarg.

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Comment: The Schlumberger firm is not listed in the 1949 Vienna telephone directory, the 1949 Handels or Industrie Compass.

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